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TAGS:OVIP, PFOR, US, VN

SUBJECT: LETTER TO SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE GIVE THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF MR. LEONARD WOODCOCK'S  
LETTER TO PHAN HIEN TO THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY FOR TRANS-  
MITTAL TO HANOI. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE WOODCOCK'S  
COMMISSION'S REPORT WITH THE TEXT OF THE LETTER. YOU MAY  
TELL DO THANH THAT WE ARE POUCHING THE SIGNED ORIGINAL  
WHICH WILL BE CONVEYED LATER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PHAN HIEN  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
HANOI, VIETNAM

DEAR MR. VICE MINISTER:  
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I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL THANKS, AS WELL AS THAT  
OF MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY  
AND COURTESY EXTENDED TO US DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO  
YOUR COUNTRY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIS-

CUSSIONS WITH YOU AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT,  
AND TO HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS THAT WILL LEAD TO GREATER  
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND INCREASED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES. I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO FORWARD TO YOU THE  
ENCLOSED COPY OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AS YOU REQUESTED DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS.

I ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE  
IN RETURNING THE REMAINS OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, FOR THE  
FURTHER INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED, AND FOR HELPING  
ESTABLISH A MECHANISM WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER  
RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE.

PLEASE CONVEY MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES TO  
PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG, DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH AND THE OTHER OFFICIALS WHO  
SO GRACIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE  
COMMISSION'S VISIT.

SINCERELY YOURS,

LEONARD WOODCOCK  
CHAIRMAN  
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON AMERICANS MISSING AND  
UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. END TEXT  
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